

# Interviews with *Today's Immigrants*



## Immigrant Interview

### Required Information:

1. Name of interviewer:
2. Location of interview:
3. Date of interview:
4. Name of subject:
5. Age of subject:
6. Age at which they arrived in the U.S.:
7. Subject's country of origin:
8. Subject's date of emigration:

### Suggested questions:

Telling the story.... prompting questions to consider:

1. How did you get here?
  - a. Why did you leave your homeland?
  - b. What difficulties did you encounter in your emigration?
2. Who helped you get here and how did they do so?
  - a. Who made it easier?
  - b. Who made it harder?
3. What were your hopes and dreams in coming to the U.S.?
  - a. Did these hopes and dreams become realized?
4. What surprised you when you arrived?
5. Why did you settle in (name of community)?
6. Do you intend to remain in the U.S./in (name of community)?
  - a. Are you or will you become a naturalized citizen?
7. What are your dreams for your children (for adult subjects)?
8. What are your dreams for your future (for child subjects)?
9. Do you continue to cook/eat the same foods you were accustomed to in your homeland?
10. Do you celebrate the national holidays of your homeland?

11. Do you celebrate the national holidays of the U.S.?
12. Do you continue to practice the religion you practiced in your homeland?
  - a. Are you able to worship in the same ways in this country?
13. Did you and your family members have difficulty learning English?
  - a. Did you know English before you came to the U.S.?
  - b. What language is spoken in your home?
14. What do you like about the education your children are receiving and what don't you like (for adult subjects)?
15. Are you satisfied with your school (for child subjects)?
  - a. Are you learning what you feel is important?
  - b. Are you getting the help you may need with language learning?
  - c. Are you well accepted by your peers?
16. What kind of work do you do (for adult and teenaged subjects)?
  - a. What work were you doing in your homeland?
  - b. Have you had difficulty finding work?
  - c. What was your first job here?
  - d. What job did you hope to get?
17. Did you have any difficulty finding a place to live?
18. In what ways is your life the same in the United States as it was in your country?
  - a. How is your life different here?
19. What has been good about your immigration experience?
  - a. What could have made this experience better?